Public Call Office to all Gram Panchayats in the country

1692. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all Gram Panchayats in the country would have a public call office within the eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the total number of Gram Panchayats covered so far with this facility; and

(c) the total number of public call offices to be opened during the current financial year and the amount car-marked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 24591 Gram Panchayats provided with this facility upto 31-7-1990.

(c) It is proposed to open 15,000 Long Distance Public Telephones during the current financial year at an estimated cost of Rs. 120 crores.

Women Used as Decoys by Terrorists in Punjab

1693. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that terrorists in Punjab are using women as decoys in large number to trap victims; and

(b) if so, the action Government have taken to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Government are aware that terrorists are making use of women for their nafarious activities. The Security agencies are vigilant and take appropriate action as and when required.

Five Point formula for solution of Kashmir Problem

1694. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Congressman Stephan J. Solarz has presented a five point formula for solution of Kashmir problem before India and Pakistan; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. US Congressman Stephen Solarz (Democrat, New York), during his meeting with the Prime Minister, submitted the following five-point formulation for consideration:

(i) Both sides (India and Pakistan) to agree not to provide military assistance or any other type of support to movements aimed at disabilising either country;

(ii) Both sides to commit themselves to redeploy their armed forces to peace-time locations;

(iii) Both sides to agree upon certain confidence building measures;

(iv) Both sides to reaffirm adherence to the Simla Agreement.

(v) India to make a commitment to hold free and fair elections in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest possible time. The elections would be held under the circumstances which would generate confidence in their fairness.